Pending electricity bills in TAFCO

2080. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will 'the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of i>ending accumula. ted electricity bills with the TAFCO Li mited;

(b) the reasons of accumulation of siuch "electricoty bills;

(c) wheihtr it is a fact that the bills on accouri of electricity charges were raised by Kanpur Electricity Supply Adtninistrationi cionsiequent uipon High Court orders;

(d) whether production havie been adversely affected; and

(e) if so. the facts and details there-

T.HE JMINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MAR AN) (a) Electricity bills amounting to Rs. 33.95 lakhs received for the peroid upto November, 1993 are pending with the com pany. Though the power supply to the two factories remains discounected with effect from November, 1993, minimum char.nes at (he rRte of Rs. 2.76 lakhs per month are payable for the subsequent months. However, no bills for this period have been received by the Company.

(b) Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. (TAFCO) had been in curring continuous losses anj was not generating adequate internal resources to meet its liabilities including payment of electricity charges.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The actual production during the last 4 years has gone down drastically due to various reagonsi inqluding disdonrnedtiQn of power supply to the factories.

Appointment of Chief Executives/Managing IWrtctors in PSUs

2081. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed during the year 1997 some Chief ExecutipeS/Managingn) Directors of some PSUs under his Ministry's admmisirative jurisdiction without properly verifying the past records oi the incjijotiile,

(b) wr.eiher such incumbents were allowed to take over on a festival day anj a closed holiday for minority com munity;

(c) whether Government had taken such incurement at the intance of some private Sector; and

(d) if so, the facts and detaiils thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN). (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Impaclf of imports on Indian Industry

2082. DR. MOHAN BAHU:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recem announcement of Government giving fiacilities for the import of 542 article" in the country has adverse"/ affected Indian industries;

(b) if so, (he details thereof;

(c) the number of articles included in the above list which are of daily use common consumer and wihoh are reserved for small scale sector; and

(d) whether Government have provi ded incentives to the industrial units which are producing above articles so that they can successfully compete wtih the imported articles?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Export-Import Policy for 1997- 2002 has put large number of items under the Open Genera] Licence (OGL) and Special Import Licence (SIL) as

part of the Government poli*cy of Ec&-nomia Libema;osaton. Ditajs, of these items in the ITC (HS) Classification has been indicated in Expof; and Import Items for 1997-2002, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. Only 5 items (category) are reserved for the small scale sector, 3 of these are of daily use for common con'sumer leather harness, bread & glassware (domestic) . Several incentives and concessions are provide*d to tht small scale industries so as tb improve their competi-tiveness. The incentives|concessions provided include excise concessibns, priority sector lending, technology and ex. tension support services, reservation of SSI products and price preference for 15SI products *m* general in the Govern-men' nrocurement.

Entry of MNCs in tyre industry

2083. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gave premis-sion<s to multinational cmpanies to establish their units in the country without consulting the indigenous tyre industry;

(b) why Government has been hasty in granting permission to certain multi national tyre companies;

(c) whether the indige-aous tyre industry ftars that multinational companies with whbm the indis^ous tyre industry have tie-up may withdraw transfer of technology, etc. in the near future once they establish their market in India; anj

(d) the steps taken by Government o safeguard the interests of the indi genous tyre industry while granting per missions to the multinational companies?

THE MINISTER Op INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per the present Industrial Policy, Rubber based industries (which include tyres) are delicensed. As such, no permission Or Industrial Licence (subject to locational restraints) is required for establishment of a unit in the country.

(c) and (d) No such apprehension I'Hs - been brought to the notice of the Covornment of India.

Growth centre at Vagra

2084. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whethvr the growth centre at Vagra in district Bharuch of Gujarat has been, completed and started functioning;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the fa;ilities available therein;

(c) if "the growth centre is not yet complete, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by wh^n it is likely to be com pleted *avA* starts functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOl.T MARAN): (a) to (d) Under the new Growth Centre Scheme, the Central Government's contribution to each approved growth centre is upto Rs. 10 crore, which has bseui . fully released to the growth centre at Vagra in district Bharuch having regard to the physical and financial progress achieved in the implementation of the growth centre by the State Government. The total expenditure incurred upto 31st March, l997 has bem reported as Rs. 49.40 crore, out of which an amount of Rs. 38.45 crore has been spenj on industrial infrastructure and Rs. 10.70 crore on land and site development. State Governm'^nt has reported that 700 hectares of land has been acquired *v,vd* also plots are ready for allotment.

Financial autonomy to profit making PSEs

2085. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to, give managerial and financial autonomy to profit-making public sector enterprises on the lines of 'Navaratnas'; and